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SUBJECT: VISIT OF IREX REPRESENTATIVES
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1. SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL DISCUSSED BY CU/EE WITH IREX REPS PRIOR TO THEIR DEPARTURE. WE BOTH AGREE WITH GENERAL THRUST OF EMBASSY RECOMMENDATIONS. RE PARA 6: WE AGREED THAT ALTERNATIVE C IS MOST VIABLE. WE DO NOT WISH TO CONSIDER REDUCTION SUGGESTED IN ALTERNATIVE A.

2. DURING VISIT TO MGU KASSOF INTENDS TO RAISE QUESTION OF IREX INVITATION TO APPROXIMATELY 4 UNIVERSITY OFFICIALS BELOW RANK OF RECTOR TO VISIT U.S. THIS INVITATION IS SEPARATE AND DISTINCT FROM ASST. SEC. RICHARDSON'S INVITATION TO RECTOR KHOKHLOV. WE AGREED WITH KASSOF THAT CAO NOAH WOULD ACCOMPANY HIM ON CALL AT MGU AND WOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT DEPT LOOKS FORWARD TO KHOKHLOV VISIT IN SPRING AND IS AWAITING WORD ON RECTOR'S TRAVEL PLANS. IF RECTOR SHOULD EXPRESS
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A DESIRE TO INCLUDE IREX INVITEES IN HIS OWN DELEGATION,

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NOAH AUTHORIZED SAY THAT DEPT WOULD BE HAPPY TO ACCOMODATE HIS WISHES. DEPT EQUALLY AMENABLE TO SEPARATE RECTOR AND IREX DELEGATIONS IF RECTOR SO PREFERS. FYI, IN DISCUSSION OF YELUTIN, KHOKHLOV AND IREX INVITATIONS, SOVEMB CULTCOUNSELOR SAKOVICH OPINED THAT FINAL DECISION ON WHO WOULD VISIT AND WHEN WOULD BE MADE BY YELUTIN, AND THAT THE MINISTER MIGHT NOT WANT TO HAVE MORE THAN ONE MGU DELEGATION VISIT U.S. THIS YEAR. IF THERE SHOULD BE ONE DELEGATION HEADED BY KHOKHLOV, DEPT WOULD BE SPONSOR BUT WOULD WORK CLOSELY WITH IREX IN DEVELOPING PROGRAM. END FYI.

3. WE ALSO AGREED WITH KASSOF THAT HE WOULD MENTION TO MHE THAT DEPT WOULD BE MAKING A PROPOSAL FOR EXCHANGE OF DELEGATIONS ON EDUCATIONAL TESTING AND PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT, ALONG LINES ETS PROPOSAL DESCRIBED IN KASSOF LETTER TO NALLE. WE PLAN TO PROPOSE 2-WAY EXCHANGE OF DELEGATION TO BE FOLLOWED BY SEMINAR IF WE AND SOVIETS AGREE THERE IS MERIT IN DOING SO. KASSOF'S ROLE AT THIS POINT IS TO INFORMALLY EXPLAIN SUBSTANCE OF PROPOSED EXCHANGE TO MHE. FORMAL PROPOSAL WILL BE MADE THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS,

PROBABLY NEXT MONTH. KISSINGER

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